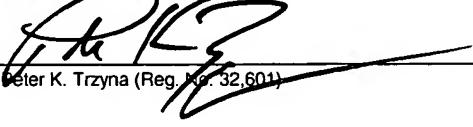


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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2003, in the above-referenced patent application, please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks set forth below. It is believed that no new matter has been added.